

TITANIC!

45,000 TONS.

THE LARGEST
STEAMER
IN THE
WORLD.



To NEW YORK.

From SOUTHAMPTON, CHERBOURG, QUEENSTOWN
From LIVERPOOL, QUEENSTOWN.

To BRITAIN.

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he was the largest, most luxurious ocean liner of her time. Some even boasted that God Himself could not sink this mighty ship. The floating sensation sailed from Southampton, England, in the spring of 1912, bound for New York City. She inspired awe and wonder in the hearts of all who gazed upon her. Her passengers came from all walks of life. Poor emigrants pursuing the American dream boarded her decks...as did prosperous elitists flaunting their lavish lifestyles. For several days of smooth sailing, her passengers enjoyed elegant dinners and non-stop festivities in surroundings fit for royalty. Those on board were making history—and in style.

On the evening of April 14, the Titanic received numerous warnings of icebergs ahead. Throwing caution aside, the captain pushed the mighty ship to her top speed, attempting to arrive early in New York's harbor. At 11:40 p.m. the ship sideswiped a huge iceberg, gashing the hull. No one was prepared for what followed. Water began pouring in. Many passengers refused to believe disaster was upon them as they continued their pursuit of pleasure. Warm and comfortable in their lavish staterooms, they were unaware of the brutal reality soon to confront them.

As the ship began to sink, people scrambled to find space on the limited number of lifeboats. Those unwilling or unable to escape were dumped from the lap of luxury into the North Atlantic's icy grip. Of the 2,231 passengers on board that night, two-thirds plunged to a watery grave, including the captain and two millionaires, John Jacob Astor and Benjamin Guggenheim.

The world's greatest ocean liner descended 12,500 feet straight to the ocean floor, dragging with it millions of dollars in diamonds, jewelry, and fine art. Rich passengers perished beside poor crew members.

Dreams of the downtrodden and fortunes of the upper crust drowned together. Death came swiftly that night to 1,517 unsuspecting people.

Each of us must also face death someday, perhaps unexpectedly. The Bible declares, "Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Everyone is guilty before Almighty God since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). While many believe that "the one who dies with the most toys wins," the Lord Jesus Christ says, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

Although every person must someday stand before a Holy God, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The Lord in his mercy has provided a way of escape from eternal hell. Some on the Titanic shunned warnings of danger and rejected the means of escape. What about you, my friend? Please escape the fate that awaits you by turning from your sin and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Whoever believes in the Son (Jesus Christ) has eternal life, but whoever rejects



the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him" (John 3:36).

Don't delay! Life is brief and eternity hastens. There is no second chance after death. Act now! Why not pray to Him, saying something like this:

"Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died in my place to pay the penalty for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I now turn from my sin and turn to You, trusting in You alone as my Savior and receiving Your gift of eternal life."

Ed Cheek

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I have trusted Christ as my Savior.

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